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1. The average salary of the majority of minor officials, and of the working class, is between 3,000 and 5,000 lei a month. Individuals who perform special work of value to the Communist Party may draw salaries of 10,000 to 25,000 lei monthly. The minimum salary required by a single person for an unostentatious life is about 10,000 lei a month.

2. Typical prices (in lei per kilo) are:

<u>Article</u>	<u>State Shop</u>	<u>Free Market</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
a. Sugar	200	---	Ration card holders get 500 grams per month at 70.
b. Beef	180	----	
c. Pork	240	----	
d. Oil	380 to 400	----	Unobtainable. None was issued from June to September 1948.
e. Black bread	-----	20	Members of trade unions get 350-600 grams per day. The rest of the population get 250 grams per day.
f. Maize flour	-----	11	
g. Salt	-----	17 to 22	
h. Rice	-----	240 to 280	
i. Soap	-----	110	The allowance on the ra

The allowance on the ration card is 600 grams monthly, but none was issued from July to September. 50X1-HUM

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j. Firewood	----	----	Practically unobtainable except by trade union members.
k. Gasoline	----	20	A black-market monopoly.
l. Streetcar Ticket	5 to 7 lei	----	
m. Bus Ticket	13 lei each	----	

3. Rents

A single room : About 1,500 lei monthly.
 Apartment of two rooms and a kitchen: About 6,000 lei monthly.

4. Clothing

Trade unionists get one pair of shoes per year, the cost being from 1,200 to 1,800 lei. Other people have to pay 6,500 lei on the black market for the same sort of shoe. A shirt (on clothing coupons) costs 400 lei, and only lasts a few months. A better-quality shirt, on the black market, costs 3,000 lei. A meter of cloth (little better than sacking) costs 600 to 800 lei on coupons, and 4,000 to 5,000 lei on the black market. Leather for shoes is almost unobtainable, and its price fantastic. A complete suit, with a pair of shoes, would now cost at least 15,000 lei.

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